

Title: The Sun Will Come Out

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The book begins when Beatrice “Bea” finds out that her best friend, Frankie, has switched summer camps and they will no longer be spending the summer together. Instead of going to Jewish Camp Shalom together, Frankie is going to a more expensive camp that Bea’s parents cannot afford, Horse Camp. Bea is a nervous wreck when it comes to surviving Camp Shalom by herself and her new found “allergic reaction” (hives) that appear on her face in every embarrassing situation is definitely not helping. Luckily she finds a companion on the first day, a girl named Regan from Ireland. Regan encourages Bea to try new things even if they’re scary and to not care what other people think, but Bea never listens. Bea spends most of the summer running away from her problems like; trying out for the musical, talking to her crush Jeremy (Frankie's brother), and the mean girls that are constantly teasing her. Avoiding her problems led to Bea spending a lot of time in the Infirmary with Nurse Lisa and Harry (a boy Bea’s age who has progeria). They become friends because both Harry and her tend to avoid doing things they enjoy because of what other people think. After spending a lot of time and talking with each other about their lives they form an agreement that they will stop avoiding the things that scare them and have fun. This leads to Bea playing the lead in the camp musical and finally facing her fears.

I would recommend this book because it is very easy to relate to. Everyone has gone through a period in their life where they were scared to try something new that intimidated them like; making friends, going somewhere new or getting over stage fright. At times we choose the easy way out which is to run away from it, but we see in the story that avoidance closes us off from new experiences. Bea spent most of the story hiding in the infirmary from her problems, her friends, and the things she loved. Once she found out that if she just put herself out there and stopped worrying about what people thought of her she would be a lot happier and create amazing unforgettable memories. From this story we really do see that “Every cloud has a silver lining.”